

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) Operating device for the controlled swinging of a portion of a cut tree trunk, comprising at least one slot (44), characterized in that it comprises a body (10) provided with a screw thread (18), a head (12) movable in rotation relative to the body (10) and means (16) for driving the body (10) by the head (12).

2. (original) Operating device for the controlled swinging of a portion of a cut tree trunk according to claim 1, characterized in that the body (10) is of conical shape.

3. (currently amended) Operating device for the controlled swinging of a portion of a cut tree trunk according to claim 1 [[or 2]], characterized in that the drive means (16) comprise notches (26) provided in the body (10) and at least one ratchet (32) adapted to coact with these notches.

4. (currently amended) Operating device for the controlled swinging of a portion of a cut tree trunk according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that each ratchet (32) comprises a bevel (34).

5. (original) Operating device for the controlled swinging of a portion of a cut tree trunk according to claim 4, characterized in that the ratchet (32) is connected in a support (36) disposed in the head (12) and movable between two positions 80° apart so as to be able to orient the bevel (34).

6. (original) Operating device for the controlled swinging of a portion of a cut tree trunk according to claim 5, characterized in that the support (36) comprises a lever (38) for manipulating this support (36).

7. (currently amended) Operating device for the controlled swinging of a portion of a cut tree trunk according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that it comprises a handle (40) for gripping and manipulating secured to the head (12).

8. (new) Operating device for the controlled swinging of a portion of a cut tree trunk according to claim 2, characterized in that the drive means (16) comprise notches (26) provided in the body (10) and at least one ratchet (32) adapted to coact with these notches.